GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:82
ANSWERED ON:07.12.2004
TALKS WITH MILITANTS/FUNDAMENTALISTS
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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government has opened their doors for dialogues with various militant/fundamentalist organizations active in various parts of the country including J&K;

(b) if so, the details of the discussions held with such organizations during 2004 so far, State-wise;

(c) the specific demands raised by each of such Organizations; and

(d) the details of the progress and outcome of such dialogues so far?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SRIPRAKASH JAISWAL)

(a) to (d): A statement is laid on the table of the House.

STATEMENT REFFERRED TO IN REPLY TO LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 82 FOR 7.12.2004 RAISED BY SHRI SANTOSH GANGWAR: SHRI BRAJA KISHORE TRIPATHY REGARDING TALKS WITH MILITANTS/FUNDAMENTALISTS.

(a): Yes, Sir. The Government of India is willing to talk to any group which abjures violence.

(b) to (d): The Central Government is committed to carry forward dialogue with all groups and with different shades of opinion in Jammu & Kashmir on a sustained basis. The Government held two rounds of talks with All Party Huriyat Conference led by Maulvi Abbas Ansari on 22.01.2004 and 27.03.2004. Thereafter discussions have been held at the level of the Government of India's interlocutor and later with the Home Minister with a wide cross section of society in J&K importantly elected representatives of political parties, representatives of trade, industry, commerce, social and intellectual groups and academicians and voluntary agencies.

In the North East Region, suspension of hostilities & ceasefire are achieved through dialogues with various groups.